



THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

The *Library Connection* online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org and clicking on "News & Events."

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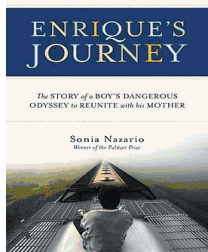
One Book
ONE SAN DIEGO

Read and Experience *Enrique's Journey*

"One Book, One San Diego" is an open invitation during 2007 for everyone who lives, works or visits San Diego to read and discuss the same book. San Diego's inaugural "One Book, One San Diego" selection is a significant book entitled *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. *Enrique's Journey* is Nazario's account of a 17-year-old Honduran boy's harrowing search to find his mother in America. Greatly expanded with fresh research, the book vividly conveys the experience of illegal immigration from Central America. *Enrique's Journey* is a story about family and love that everyone can relate to.

Throughout the campaign, the Library, in partnership with KPBS, will present television and radio programming, workshops, lectures, and discussion groups. Check out a copy of *Enrique's Journey* at your neighborhood branch or reserve the book via the Library's online catalogue. Book clubs may pre-reserve a "Book Club in a Bag," a canvas tote bag containing 10 copies of the book, discussion guide, links to additional resources and tips on how to organize a book club.

For a calendar of community events and book discussion groups visit: www.sandiegolibrary.org and click on the "One Book, One San Diego link."



Special "One Book, One San Diego" Event Featuring Author Sonia Nazario

Monday, February 12, 7 - 8:00p.m.

Central Library, 820 E Street, Downtown,
619-236-5800

Join us as we welcome Pulitzer Prize winning author Sonia Nazario for a discussion and a book signing.

Library Presents Refugee Voices

Storyteller

Central Library
Third floor auditorium
820 E Street, 619-236-6100

Tuesday, February 20, 10 a.m.
Local Storyteller Alyce Smith-Cooper, performing live, in ancestral costume, will tell African and African-American folk tales, legends on original stories for 1st grade and up.



Alyce Smith-Cooper

Film

City Heights/Weingart Branch Library
3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100

Monday, February 12, 7 p.m.

"All About Darfur"

82 minutes, Sudan and United Kingdom, 2005, in English and Arabic with English subtitles. A Sudanese immigrant to the U.K. returns to her homeland to understand why the seemingly racially harmonious country of her memories has become the scene of one of the worst instances of ethnic cleansing in recent history. What she discovers is that race may be too crude a concept to understand the crisis of Darfur.

These two programs are part of Refugee Voices, a project to invite San Diego's Sub-Saharan African population to explore the resources available to them. They are funded by a grant from the California State Library California Cultural Crossroads Initiative which is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



LECTURES

Mission Valley Branch Library
2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Dr. Charles Shockley is an historic Black pilot whose picture is displayed at the San Diego Aerospace Museum. He was involved in many Civil Rights Movement events, including sit-in demonstrations in Virginia (1960 and the Oxford Mississippi race riot (1962).

College-Rolando Branch Library
6600 Montezuma Road,
619-533-3902

Saturday, February 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

California's first African-American and first woman Assembly Majority Floor Leader Karen Bass will speak.



Karen Bass

DANCE

Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library
303 Coronado Avenue, 619-424-0474

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Authentic in its dress and instruments, the Ho-Asogli experience is a combination of costumes, voices, instruments and movement depicting significant traditional musical practices of various ethnic groups of Ghana.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES

City Heights/Weingart Performance Annex
3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6123

August Wilson: The Cycle Plays

Cygnat Theatre in collaboration with the San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre presents two staged readings featuring the work of playwright August Wilson.

Post-performance forum with director and cast following each reading. \$5 donation.

For reservations call 619-641-6123

Sunday, February 11, 2 p.m.

Fences, Director Antonio T. J. Johnson

The main character is Troy Maxson, a 54-year-old Pittsburgh sanitation worker filled with bitterness because racial discrimination cost him a chance to play major league baseball.

Sunday, February 25, 2 p.m.

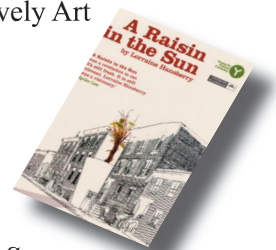
Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Director Calvin Manson

The first of August Wilson's ten-play chronicle.

Funded in part by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and the San Diego Foundation.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Reconceptualizing Blackness: the Lively Art
Central Library, Wangenheim Room
820 E Street 619-236-5800



Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*.

Facilitated by Professor Camille F. Forbes, Literature Department, UCSD.

Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.

Douglas Turner Ward's *Day of Absence*. Facilitated by Professor Camille F. Forbes, Literature Department, UCSD.

Funding for *Reconceptualizing Blackness: the Lively Art* was provided by the California Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS AN ANNUAL
CELEBRATION THAT HAS EXISTED SINCE 1926

Libraries Closed Feb. 20 for Presidents' Day



All City libraries will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. As a convenience for patrons, book drops will remain open to return books and other materials.

Celebrate Chinese New Year at the Library

North Clairemont Branch Library
4616 Clairemont Drive,
858-581-9931

Tuesday, February 13, 10 – 10:45 a.m.

The Library presents an exciting program about the Chinese New Year in the Year of the Pig.

All Groups Are Requested to Make a Reservation



College-Rolando
Branch Library
6600 Montezuma
Road, 619-533-3902
**Saturday, February
20, 10:45 a.m.**

Bach Van Dragon/
Lion Dancers will
perform in a celebra-
tion of the Chinese

New Year! Routines include two lions, martial arts demonstrations and an integration of traditional dances into the lion dance performance.



Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Road, 858-538-8159

Wednesday, February 28, 7 p.m.

Award-winning Chinese Baritone, Xiao Yang Zhao, will give a free voice recital.

Two Concerts to be Held at Central Library

As part of the Library's 2007 Winter/Spring Concert Series, two programs will be presented in February. Pianists **Ron Morebello** and **Marion Rodewald** will perform four-hand works by Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Robert Russell and George Gershwin Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. Pianist **Alessio Averone** will perform works by Bach, Scarlatti, Beethoven, Chopin and Prokofiev Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2:30 p.m. The concerts will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St.

For more information, call 619-236-5800.

Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org

Central Library to Host Preview Presentations for S.D. Opera Season

Special free preview lectures about productions of the 2007 San Diego Opera season will be hosted by the City of San Diego Public Library. Get to know



Dr. Ron Shaheen

this season's repertoire with the entertaining and illuminating presentations of Dr. Ron Shaheen, a music instructor at the University of San Diego. His lectures, which integrate both background and plot synopses of the repertoire, will be held in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located in downtown San Diego

at 820 E Street. The lecture schedule is as follows:

"Samson and Delilah" by Camille Saint-Saens, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.

"Il Trovatore" by Giuseppe Verdi, Tuesday, March 20, 2 p.m.

"Wozzeck" by Alban Berg, Tuesday, April 10, 2 p.m.

"Marriage of Figaro" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, May 1, 2 p.m.

For more information about the presentations, call the Central Library at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library's Web site at www.sandiegolibrary.org. For more information about the productions, visit the San Diego Opera's Web site at <http://www.sdopera.com>.

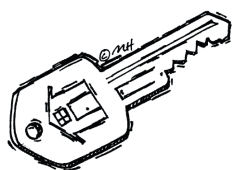
Central Library Social Sciences Section Sponsors Free Workshops

Live Online Tutoring for Students Now Available at the Library

Buying a Home in San Diego

Buying a home is one of the largest financial investments an individual can make. Attend a presentation by Amber Anderson, Chief Operating Officer and Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist for California Equities. Find out the true cost of renting. Learn about the tax advantages to owning a home and facts about the housing "bubble." Discover what makes up your FICO score and what lenders are looking for. There will be plenty of time for questions after each presentation.

These workshops will be held Saturdays from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 10, March 24, May 5 and June 30 in the second Floor Meeting Room of the Central Library, 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. For more information about Amber Anderson, mortgages and loan programs, visit her website www.trustedmortgageservices.com.



The Changing Face of San Diego: a Look at Regional Demographics

A free workshop by San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the region's primary public planning, transportation and research agency, will demonstrate how to use data for optimal planning and decision-making. The workshop will be held in the second floor meeting room at the Central Library, 820 E Street in downtown San Diego, Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about SANDAG, visit their website at www.sandag.org.

Workshop Parking and Registration

Parking Information: www.sandiego.gov/public-library/locations; click on Parking Map, Central Downtown Library.

To Register, or for more information: Contact Business Resources & Technology Link, Social Sciences Section, San Diego Public Library at 619- 238-6630, e-mail businesslink@sandiego.gov, or visit <http://sandiego.gov/public-library/services/businesses.html>



The San Diego Public Library in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District, and with the support of a number of small business and individual contributors, is pleased to announce the availability of Live Homework Help! for all San Diego students. Live Homework Help, provided by Tutor.com, is an online tutoring service connecting kids, parents, and teachers to highly qualified English or Spanish-speaking tutors from any Internet-enabled computer through the Library web site. The service is available in English every day 1:00-10:00 pm. Spanish tutors are available Sunday through Thursday from 1:00-7:00 pm. Tutoring, available for math, science, social studies, and English, is free to the student or school.

To connect to Live Homework Help, log on to www.sandiegolibrary.org and click the Library Homework Help button on the right side of the screen. Enter your San Diego Public Library card number at the prompt, select your grade level (4th – 12th grade or Introductory College) and your subject (math, science, social studies or English), and you will be connected to a tutor.

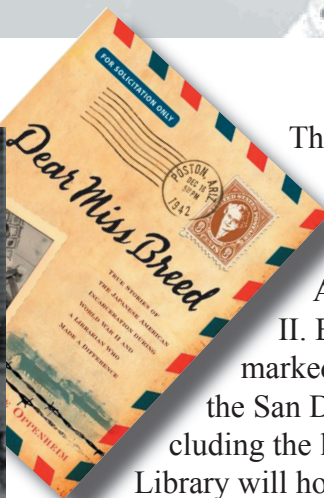
Students who use Live Homework Help report they gain confidence, complete their assignments and even improve their grades. An overwhelming 95% would recommend Live Homework Help to a friend and they do! Using Live Homework Help helps tweens and teens to recognize the value of the library in their community.

For more information about Live Homework Help, please contact the San Diego Public Library at (619) 236-5838.

Dear Miss Breed



Clara Breed



The San Diego Public Library continues to celebrate the life and work of legendary San Diego librarian Clara Breed, a defender of Japanese-American civil rights during World War II. Born in 1906, last year she would have marked her 100th birthday. She worked at the San Diego Public Library for 42 years, including the last 24 as library director. This year the Library will hold a variety of events and programs in recognition of her commitment to civil rights.

Documentary Films

City Heights/Weingart Performance Annex
3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100

Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

The San Diego Public Library in partnership with the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego will screen Eric Paul Fournier's Award-Winning documentary "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights". Discussion will be facilitated by Professor Susan Hasegawa, Chair, History & Political Science Department, San Diego City College.

Central Library

820 E Street, 619-236-5800

Sunday, February 25, 2 p.m

Central Library, Third Floor Auditorium

820 E St, Downtown, 619-236-1800

The San Diego Public Library and the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego will screen the award-winning documentary film "From a Silk Cocoon", which presents the experience of a young Kibei couple, who responded to the loss of their civil liberties by renouncing their American citizenship during their World War II internment.

This program is supported in whole or in part by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, under the provisions of the Library Sciences and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

41st Annual Local Authors' Exhibit

January 28 – February 28, 2007

Central Library, Lobby

820 E Street, Downtown 619-236-5800

On display are 258 books published by San Diego authors in 2006. At the annual reception for local authors on January 28th, Jerome Rothenberg was presented with the 2007 Local Author Lifetime Achievement Award. Some of his books are on display in the Literature and Languages section.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City's web site at:

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org>

